

WAC 388-01-010 Definitions. The following definitions apply to this chapter:

(1) "Authorization" means a detailed document that gives DSHS permission to use or disclose confidential information and records for specified purposes and within a designated time frame.

(2) "Business days" means Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

(3) "Client" means a person who receives services or benefits from DSHS. Clients include but are not limited to, consumers, recipients, applicants, residents of DSHS facilities or institutions, patients, parents receiving support enforcement services, persons who previously received services or benefits, and persons applying for benefits or services.

(4) "DSHS" means the department of social and health services.

(5) "Public records coordinator" means a person designated to respond to public records requests within an organizational unit or who are appointed as responsible for a local office, unit, region, program, or facility.

(6) "Public records officer" means the person designated as the public records officer for the DSHS under RCW 42.56.580. The DSHS public records officer has primary responsibility for management, oversight, and monitoring of DSHS's public records request process.

(7) "Redact" means deleting or marking out exempt information from a public record.

(8) "Third party notice" means notifying affected persons or entities of a public records request to allow the opportunity to enjoin disclosure of the records under RCW 42.56.540.

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